end and restore peace in the Gulf region. It has also taken initiatives in the Security Council and in the Nonaligned Movement for achieving this purpose and has been in touch with the parties to the conflict, members of the Security Council and Chairman of the Nonaligned Movement. Unfortunately, in spite of our efforts and those of other countries, it has not been possible to restore peace in the Gulf region. And the war is not only continuing but has been intensified with the commencement of full-scale ground war.

351. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या खाड़ी युद्ध में घायल हुए व्यक्तियों के लिए चिकित्सा तथा अन्य खाद्य सामग्री सप्लाई करने से संबंधित कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल मोरारका) : (क) और (ख) भारत लगभग एक करोड़ रुपये मूल्य की दवाइयां इराक भेज रहा है। ये दवाइयां दिल्ली से तेहरान भेजी जाएंगी और वहां से उन्हें बगदाद भेजने का इन्तजाम ईरानी रेड क्रीसेंट और अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय रैडक्रास समिति करेगी।

Iraq's protest on refulling of U.S. planes of India

352. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any letter of protest from Iraq characterising refuelling of U. S. planes in Indian airports as an 'un-friendly' act;

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto;

(c) whether in a state of belligerance in a portion of the world, a code of conduct was evolved by the Government of India in relation to belligerent states;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(f) whether Government propose to reconsider the policy to provide refuelling to foreign planes; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No letter of protest has been received from the Iraqi Government in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) In keeping with common international practice, the Government of India allows transit and refuelling facilities for foreign military aircraft on a bilateral basis and in keeping with the principle of reciprocity.

(f) and (g) No refuelling of U. S. Air Force aircraft has taken place since 20-2-1991.

उत्तर प्रदेश के जेवर ब्लाक में काले हिरनों का मारा जाना

353. **चौधरी हरि सिंह** : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में बुलन्दशहर जिले के जेवर ब्लाक के जबां नामक गांव में सैंकड़ों काले हिरन हैं; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार इन हिरनों को शिकारियों द्वारा मारे जाने से बचाने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी) : (क) सरकार को उत्तर प्रदेश में बुलन्दशहर

जिले के जेवर ब्लाक के जवां नामक गांव के आस-पास के क्षेत्र में रहने वाले काले हिरणों की जानकारी है।

(ख) काला हिरन वन्यजीव (सुरक्षा अधिनियम, 1972 की अनुसूची-I में शामिल है और इसलिए इसके शिकार पर पूरा प्रतिबंध है। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने चोरी-छिपे शिकार करने वाले व्यक्तियों द्वारा इन हिरनों को अवैध रूप से मारने से बचाने के लिए इस क्षेत्र में वन्यजीव कर्मचारियों की नियुक्ति की है।

Agreement of refuelling of U.S.A.F. planes

354. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an agreement between the Government of India and the United States of America was made to refuel the U.S. War planes operating in recent Gulf War;

(b) if so, whether the above USAF planes were refuelled to attack Iraq during the period from January 9, 1991 to January 27, 1991; and

(c) the quantity of fuel provided to those planes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir. Only transport aircraft were provided transit and refuelling facilities

(b) No, Sir

(c) Does not arise.

Scheme for "Van Lagao-Rozi Kamao" in Himachal Pradesh

355. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the main features of the scheme "Van Lagao-Rozi Kamao" launched in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the quantum of Central aid asked and provided to the State Government in implementation of the scheme;

(c) whether Central Government have impressed upon other State Governments to adopt the same scheme; and

(d) if so, the names of the States which have agreed to adopt such a scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) All the State Governments had been advised to involve village communities in regeneration of degraded forest land on usufruct sharing basis, in accordance with the guidelines issued on June, 1, 1990. No scheme as such has, however, been recommended to the State Government.

Government of Himachal Pradesh has also been advised that the "Van Lagao-Rozi Kamao" scheme should aim at securing involvement of village communities in regeneration of degraded forest lands in accordance with the stipulated guidelines. Details of the Scheme finalised by the Government of Himachal Pradesh have not, however, been received by the Central Government. The State Government has also not asked for any Central aid for the Scheme.

Proposal to charge toll tax from the users of National Highways and State Highways

356. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to charge toll tax from the users of National Highways and State Highways;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the reaction of the concerned State Governments in this regard;

(d) what is the basis of charging the toll tax from the users and its distribution among various State Governments; and

(e) by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI